Men and Women - Equal at Last?

You are going to debate whether women are finally truly equal to men. Use the clues and ideas below to help you create an argument for your appointed point of view with your team members. Below you will find phrases and language helpful in expressing opinions, offering explanations and disagreeing.

Opinions, Preferences:
I think..., In my opinion..., I'd like to..., I'd rather..., I'd prefer..., The way I see it..., As far as I'm concerned..., If it were up to me..., I suppose..., I suspect that..., I'm pretty sure that..., It is fairly certain that..., I'm convinced that..., I honestly feel that, I strongly believe that..., Without a doubt.....

Disagreeing:
I don't think that..., Don't you think it would be better..., I don't agree, I'd prefer..., Shouldn't we consider..., But what about..., I'm afraid I don't agree..., Frankly, I doubt if..., Let's face it, The truth of the matter is..., The problem with your point of view is that...

Giving Reasons and offering explanations: To start with, The reason why..., That's why..., For this reason..., That's the reason why..., Many people think..., Considering..., Allowing for the fact that..., When you consider that...

Yes, Women Are Now Equal To Men.

- Many governments have both male and female representatives.
- Many companies are now owned or managed by women.
- A lot of progress has been made since the 1960s.
- Television series now portray women as successful career makers.
- Men now share in the raising of children and household responsibilities.
- Many important laws have been passed to ensure equality in the workplace.
- In many places, a married couple can choose whether the man or the women takes leave from work to look after the newly arrived baby.
- People aren't discussing equality anymore. It has become a reality.
- Have you ever heard of Margaret Thatcher?

Excuse Me? Women Still Have A Long Way to Go Before They Are Equal To Men.

- Women still earn less than men in many work situations.
- Women are still portrayed in a superficial manner in many television shows.
- Look at international sporting. How many professional female leagues are as successful as their male counterparts?
- Most governments still are made up in their majority of men.
- We are having this debate because women are not equal. Otherwise, there would be no need to discuss the matter.
- Women are often not given enough responsibility based on the possibility that they might become pregnant.
- The number of sexual harassment suits have increased over the past 10 years.
- Hundreds of years of history can't have been changed in a mere 30 odd years.
- Have you ever watched Bay Watch?